
HOUSE BILL No. 2110

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 20-6.1-12; IC 20-12-22.5.

Synopsis: Teaching incentives. Provides that a teacher who receives an initial teaching license, who is employed to teach after June 30, 2001, by an Indiana school corporation, and who has been employed as a teacher for less than five years is eligible to receive a signing bonus of up to \$20,000 over a four year period. Provides that a teacher who receives an initial teaching license and is employed to teach by an Indiana school corporation may enter into an agreement with the state student assistance commission to have the commission assume the repayment of 15% of the teacher's undergraduate student loans for each year the teacher teaches during the first five years after the teacher graduates.

Effective: July 1, 2001.

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January 17, 2001, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-6.1-12 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2001]:

4 **Chapter 12. Teacher Signing Bonus Program**

5 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an individual:**

- 6 (1) who has received an initial standard teaching license under
7 IC 20-6.1-3;
8 (2) who has been employed after June 30, 2001, by an Indiana
9 school corporation to teach; and
10 (3) who has been employed as a teacher for less than five (5)
11 years.

12 **Sec. 2. Notwithstanding IC 20-6.1-1-1, as used in this chapter,**
13 **"board" refers to the professional standards board established by**
14 **IC 20-1-1.4-2.**

15 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the teacher**
16 **signing bonus program established by section 5 of this chapter.**

17 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "teacher" refers to an individual**



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described in section 1 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. (a) The teacher signing bonus program is established to encourage new teachers to become educators in Indiana public schools.

(b) The board shall administer the program.

Sec. 6. (a) At the beginning of the fall semester of a school year, each school corporation shall provide the board with the names of teachers who qualify for the program.

(b) At the end of the school year, the board shall determine whether each teacher included on a list under subsection (a) continues to be employed by a school corporation.

(c) If the board determines that a teacher continues to be employed by a school corporation, the teacher is entitled to receive a bonus from the board in the following amount:

(1) At the end of a teacher's first year of employment, eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

(2) At the end of a teacher's second year of employment, four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(3) At the end of a teacher's third year of employment, four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

(4) At the end of a teacher's fourth year of employment, four thousand dollars (\$4,000).

Sec. 7. The board may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to carry out this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 20-12-22.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2001]:

Chapter 22.5. Loan Repayment for Teachers

Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "commission" refers to the state student assistance commission established by IC 20-12-21-4.

Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "eligible institution of higher learning" has the meaning set forth in IC 20-12-21.7-2.

Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "school year" has the meaning set forth in IC 21-2-12-3(h).

Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "teacher" refers to an individual:

(1) who has received an initial standard teaching license under IC 20-6.1; and

(2) who has been employed by an Indiana school corporation to teach.

Sec. 5. (a) The commission shall enter into a written agreement with a teacher that provides that for each school year:

(1) during the five (5) school year period following the

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1 teacher's graduation from an eligible institution of higher
2 learning; and

3 (2) during which the teacher is employed by an Indiana school
4 corporation to teach;

5 the commission shall assume the repayment of fifteen percent
6 (15%) of the initial balance of any student loans the teacher
7 received to attend an eligible institution of higher learning as an
8 undergraduate.

9 (b) A teacher may annually enter into an agreement under this
10 section for each of the first five (5) school years the teacher is
11 employed by an Indiana school corporation to teach during the five
12 (5) school year period following the teacher's graduation from an
13 eligible institution of higher learning.

14 Sec. 6. The commission may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
15 carry out this chapter. Rules adopted under this section may
16 require a teacher to provide proof that the teacher is employed by
17 an Indiana school corporation to teach.

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